



**COAST GUARD
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Reporting and Removal of Derelict/Abandoned Vessels

The Coast Guard is concerned with any vessel, located on the waterways of Jacksonville, FL, that poses a safety risk to navigation, the environment or public health. MSO Jacksonville routinely receives inquiries about derelict/abandoned vessels, including requests for the removal of such vessels. After a report of a derelict/abandoned vessel the Coast Guard will investigate and maintain an inventory of those vessels that pose or likely to pose a threat. An on-site assessment will be completed to determine the condition of the vessel and level of pollution or hazardous material threat. Response to the various threats is based upon the level of risk to the port and/or environment.

However, the removal of derelict/abandoned vessels program is the responsibility of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC). FFWCC authority for the oversight of such activities is found in the Florida Statute 367.15 and 823.11. Additionally, 367.15(2)(b), reads that funding may also be available to the local government for removal of derelict/abandoned vessels. Organizations and/or individuals should initiate contact with the FFWCC enforcement office to learn specifics about the program, potential assistance available to the county and details regarding application procedures. Contact information for the local office is as follows:

Captain Bob Donnelly
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
2510 Second Ave., North
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

If you have any questions or comments on derelict/abandoned vessels, contact Lieutenant Q. Davis at (904) 232-2640 ext.105 of the Port Operations Department.

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